



## In The Park

• Charlotte's annual arts and crafts "Festival in the Park"

(Freedom Park) is Sept. 20-25. For other events and places this month and early October, see "For Fun & Adventure" page 4.

## GASTONIA Service Years

• Helen I. Mason, respooler operator; and Leonard Green, twister operator (both in TC Twisting), began working at Firestone, Gastonia, in August of 1942. So, last month they received from division president James B. Call their lapel pin commemorating 35 years service, along with the \$100 company "appreciation gift."

Also receiving the \$100, along with 30 and 25-year service pins:

**Thirty Years** • Mary N. Bolic, quiller operator in Preparation; Carl W. Wallace, bobbin changer in TC Twisting.

**Twenty-Five Years** • Ruth H. Carpenter, respooler operator in TC Twisting; Charlie Robinson, cleaner, Shop.

Too, in August, there were 13 more who received pins representing 5, 10 and 15 years service.

**Fifteen Years** • James H. Parsons, programmer in Data Processing.

**Ten Years** • Christine Branch, beam knoter; Bobby G. Henson, section supervisor; Mable M. Toney, respooler operator; Jesse C. Henson, frame changer and Reba P. Johnson, respooler operator (all in TC Twisting); Bill N. Maynard, elevator operator, Shop; Tommy L. Lowery, shift supervisor, Warehouse.

**Five Years** • Ernest H. Terry, twister operator, TC Twisting; Cathey F. Tate, splicer operator, TC Weaving; Harry E. Spencer, vehicle mechanic, Shop; Daryl G. Reid, fabric clerk, Warehouse; Frances R. Blanton, Quality Control inspector in TC Twisting.

## Bonds-Buying

Everybody buying. Bennettsville again leads in purchase rate of U.S. Savings Bonds among the three domestic plants of Firestone Textiles Company. In 1976, Bennettsville was one of the few "100 percenters" among all plants and installations of the Firestone company.

The South Carolina plant maintained its high rate through the annual Bonds sales emphasis in May this year—and still has it. Sixteen persons increased the amount of payroll deduction for Bonds.

Of Gastonia Firestone employees, 72.8 percent were buying at the end of the May promotional. There were 113 new subscribers; and of those already buying, 147 increased their purchases.

Bowling Green, with its 60.3 percent, led in the greatest rate of increase. It moved up from

47.6 percent. There were 105 new Bonds purchasers and 81 who increased their buying.

Carl Kunkle, Gastonia factory auditor and division chairman of the Bonds sales effort, estimates that figures as of September are about the same as at the close of the drive in May.

Frances Fletcher, employee relations representative, was coordinator of the Bennettsville Bonds drive. At Bowling Green, it was factory auditor Stan Tomlin.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 25 Years —NC Rep. Carl J. Stewart Jr.



• This (1977) is the 25th anniversary of the Firestone Scholarship program. Since 1953 the company has awarded college scholarships annually and since 1960, Certificates of Merit to other deserving sons and daughters of Firestone employees. There have been 832 scholarships awarded as of 1977.

Carl Jerome Stewart Jr., of Gastonia was the second (1954) recipient of a scholarship from employee families of the textiles division.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University (on the Firestone scholarship), he went on to earn a degree in the Duke Law School. After working briefly in Charlotte and serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to Gastonia in 1962 and opened a law practice he has maintained since.

Stewart has served in the NC House as a representative from the 38th House District (Gaston-Lincoln counties) since 1967. He became Speaker of the NC House of Representatives at the beginning of his sixth consecutive term in the House.

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## These Students Are In School

Jacqueline Beth Wyatt has begun her first year at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, studying on a four-year Firestone scholarship.

Jacqueline, the only 1977 scholarship winner from among Firestone Textiles Company employee families, is among 46 high school graduates who this year received The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company Scholarships, and are entering college and university this fall.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis C. Wyatt, Jacqueline was graduated from Warren East High School of Bowling Green. Her parents live in Smiths Grove, Ky. Mr. Wyatt works in fabric treating at the Bowling Green plant.

At WKU, Jacqueline will concentrate her studies in mathematics and computer science.

Two other 1977 high school graduates who received awards in the company Scholarship pro-

gram and are entering college this fall are:

Linda Cheryl Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Owens (he is assistant purchasing agent at Firestone, Gastonia)—University of North Carolina-Greensboro, to major in journalism.

Sharon Wrenna Corbett, whose mother Mrs. Gail T. Corbett is secretary in the laboratory of Quality Control, Gastonia, to Gaston College to study broadcasting.

Linda and Sharon are this year's scholarship-program Merit winners from the company's textile division. Each received a Certificate of Merit and 10 shares of Firestone stock, in recognition of their outstanding high-school records—Sharon at Hunter Huss High School; and Linda at Ashbrook High School, Gastonia.

Jacqueline's Firestone scholarship at WKU is renewable up to four years while she earns her baccalaureate degree. A Firestone scholarship, now worth more than \$12,000, pays for tuition, academic fees, required textbooks and room-board expenses while in school.

OTHERS in school on company scholarships (students from Firestone Textiles families, Gastonia): Joanne Ruth Hull, third year at Davidson College, majoring in religion. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hull, her father is Firestone Textiles manager of technical services.

Robinette Elaine Caldwell, third year, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, majoring in communications. Her mother Doris (Mrs. Lee) Hollifield was employed in the plant industrial engineering at the time Robin was awarded the scholarship.

Textile division scholarship students who graduated this year: Charles M. Willis, from Western Kentucky University, with major in physics-astronomy; and Barry R. Robinson, from East Carolina University, major in music therapy. Barry's father, Harold Robinson, is Warehouse manager at Gastonia. Charles' parents, Charles and Pearl Willis were working at the Bowling Green plant at the time the scholarship was awarded.



Jacqueline Wyatt

## Two More Long Careers Ended

• Lassie Lee Green moved to "a new schedule" at home when she retired from Firestone at Gastonia, Aug. 30. Lassie, a respooler operator in TC Twisting, has 31 years and 3 months company service.

Roy McMillan, a millwright (Shop) retired with 36 years and 5 months in June, but his "going out" was not listed in Firestone News with others retiring at that time.

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